

Tantallon Infrastructure & Flood Mitigation Workgroup Meeting Minutes May 25, 2022

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Opening Remarks
- Phase I Status Update
- Follow Up on specific draining issues
- New business

Attendees

- Floyd E. Holt, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Government Infrastructure, Working Group Chair
- Ronald Weiss, Board Member of the Tantallon Citizen's Association, Inc., Working Group Co-Chair
- Dana Cooper, Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- · Jeffrey DeHan, Associate Director, Department of the Environment
- Charlie Griffith, Associate Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Mary Sherrill, Engineer, Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Damion Lampley, WSSC, Director of Utility Services
- Hazel Robinson, President, Tantallon Square Civic Association
- Herbert Jones, President, North Tantallon Civic Association
- Duane Bouie, Chairman, TNACA Infrastructure & Technology Committee
- Tolores Holmes, Impacted Resident
- Zaneta Walthour, Impacted Resident
- Flavia Walton, Impacted Resident
- Carter Farrington, President, Tantallon Citizens Association

Old Business

- The County Administration has presented the FY23 Budget to the County Council for review and adoption.
- o By the next meeting our new Director of DPWT will have started.

New Business

Phase I Status Update/Follow Up on Specific Draining Issues

- Phase I construction is now complete.
- The team has been working diligently with multiple homeowners and the golf course to get the planting plan completed and favorable to everyone.
- Currently holding off on planting until it cools off in the fall. It is too warm to begin planting. DPWT will be
 reaching out to communities over the next several months after they wrap up FY22 work.
- The DPWT team is meeting with a resident who had concerns about a storm drain grate opening.
- Additional Questions Asked by Workgroup Participants:
 - Q: Were the pipes cleaned out of the golf course drains? Will this type of work be completed in Phase II?
 - **A:** We did a lot of sediment removal as well as opened up the mouth of the pond on the golf course. There was existing sediment, but it was not fully blocked.
 - 2. Q: Work that was done further south and along Norwood Road, is that work complete?
 - **A:** There is work that is still being discussed internally to determine work to be done on Norwood. That work is on pause.
 - 3. **Q:** Is a traffic study mandatory for construction like this? We want clarification on whether we need to submit a request or not.
 - **A:** Traffic studies are conducted across the county. There are many different tools that go into finding a solution. One of the prohibitions right now is that the traffic patterns are not normal. Trying to conduct a study in the midst of construction will not provide an accurate study. The pattern will change, so we would like to wait. In the regulations there are a few ways that a traffic study is triggered: (1) if there is a pattern of excessive speed or accidents reported by police, (2) a request by a council member, (3) or by a homeowner's association.
 - 4. **Q:** Is there an example of a previous traffic study that we can look at to see what it entails? **A:** Yes, we can give you the criteria. We use a national traffic study model.

Future Use of the Potomac Landing Elementary School

- The CEO of PGCPS (Dr. Monica Goldson), school board member Sonya Williams, and Hazel Robinson met on this topic. The school system explained that they had no plans for the school and suggested that Tantallon members work with the county. We want to know who to work with in the county and how to get things started.
 - o Response: send the request to DCAO Holt and he will ensure that it reaches the right person.

Parking Lot/Ideas

- Is the school required to do a traffic study upon conclusion of construction?
- There was a video that surfaced some time ago that showed water sitting in a drainage on Fort Washington Rd. Is this the same drain that seemed to be blocked?
 - Response: This sounds like the drain that will be corrected by the school construction, but we will look
 into it to be sure. This is not a county drain to our knowledge. If we are referring to the same
 complaint, several jet vacs were performed to inlets and pipes in the surrounding area following that
 complaint to resolve the issue.
- There was some discussion stating that when Tantallon was first built, gas lines were put in throughout the community. Do we know if this is true? Are there gas hookups for homes in the community?
 - Response: Yes, and DCAO Holt will get in touch with Washington Gas to provide additional information.

New Action Items

- Next meeting June 22, 2022
- Provide an example or the criteria used for the national traffic study
- Determine gas hookup availability in the community
- DCAO Holt will get in touch with Washington Gas to provide additional information on gas hookups in Tantallon